

Falls Church Community Center

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May 22, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Summer Fun Participant,

Welcome to Summer Fun! My name is André Jackson. I am the Camp Director for the City of Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department, Summer Fun Camp. I am very excited about the 2015 summer camp season! This handbook outlines dates, hours, policies, themes, contact information and field trip information.

Field trip registration begins today. We ask that all participants register no later than <u>June 19th</u>. For some field trips we have to purchase tickets or provide rosters in advance and that is why we need you to register in advance. Please keep in mind that all staff go on field trips. Therefore, there is <u>NO</u> camp for campers not attending the field trip. Children can only attend field trips the weeks they are registered for camp.

Also included in this packet is the emergency information form. We need new forms for every camper. We cannot use forms from pervious years. You will notice at the bottom of the form there is a section for summer fun campers. Please be sure to complete that part as well.

What we need from you: Due June 19th

Emergency information form Field trip registration

Medication/Authorization Release forms (only if your child needs medication during camp hours)

We will host a parent orientation night on <u>Friday</u>, <u>June 19th</u>. There will be two sessions; one at 7pm and one at 8pm so parents can choose which session to attend. This is optional. It will provide some additional information about the camp, give parents an opportunity to meet the camp staff and allow for some question and answer time. The orientation is not geared towards campers but they are welcome to attend if they would like.

CAMP THEMES:

June 22-26	Summer Sizzler	July 20-24	Fit and Fabulous
June 29-July 2	How'd They Do That	July 27-31	D.I.Y.
July 6-10	Symphony of the 5 Senses	August 3-7	I Love the 80's
July 13-17	Code Crackers	August 10-14	So Long Summer Fun

Thank you for taking some time to read out Summer Fun Parent Handbook. Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a great day!

Sincerely, André Jackson 703-248-5027 / summerfun@fallschurchva.gov

Purpose:

The purpose of the Summer Fun Playground Programs is to provide a fun-filled summer for your child in a safe, supervised, wholesome environment from June 22 – August 14. Staff will lead activities in games, sports, arts and crafts and field trips. Time is also available for swimming and unstructured play.

Location:

The picnic shelter in Cherry Hill Park is the camp's primary location. Other locations which will be utilized include the Falls Church Community Center and the pool located at Park Towers on Maple Avenue between Great Falls Street and Park Avenue in Falls Church. Children must be signed in and out at the picnic shelter. The sign in/out procedure is on page 3.

Contact Information:

The following numbers are provided to assist you with any questions you may have.

Community Center	(703) 248-5027	recreation@fallschurchva.gov
André Jackson, Camp Director	(703) 248-5027	summerfun@fallschurchva.gov
Jimmy Ruby, Camp Coordinator	(703) 248-5307	jrudy@fallschurchva.gov
Amy Maltese, Senior Program Supervisor	(703) 248-5199	amaltese@fallschurchva.gov
Danny Schlitt, Director	(703) 248-5138	dschlitt@fallschurchva.gov

Hours of Operation:

The playground program is open from 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday. There is no camp program on Friday, July 3, 2015. Children should not be dropped off before 9am and should be picked up by 3pm.

The Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department realizes emergencies do occur, so please call the Community Center office (703-248-5027) if you will be late to pick up your child. Frequent or recurring late pick-ups may result in suspension or termination from the program.

Our Staff:

Our Camp Director, André Jackson has served as our Camp Director for many years. He is also a teacher in Fairfax County, a referee in our basketball programs, has coached softball and football at George Mason HS and pursues his passion for signing. He performs with his local band Sudden M Pac as well as his international Temptations Revue group. André is currently working on recording his first solo CD.

Our Counselor staff is comprised of nine adults who have childcare experience, enthusiasm, and enjoy spending time with children. All counselors are screened through a criminal background screening and drug test. All staff are certified in CPR and First Aid. Orientation and trainings are provided to all staff prior to the start of camp. Each counselor has between 13 to 15 campers in his or her group.

Our counselors in training (CIT's) are all at least thirteen by the first day of camp. CIT's are interviewed before being selected for the program. Selected and returning CIT's experience a training program similar to that of the counselors prior to the start of camp. CIT's assist counselors with organizing activities and interacting with the campers.

Pick up/drop off procedures:

Sign-in procedures are as followed: Camp starts at **9:00am** in the Cherry Hill Picnic Shelter. When you drop your child off at the shelter you will sign him/her into camp. For our records and your child's safety, please make sure you sign in and out daily.

Sign-out procedures are as followed: Your child's counselor will have a sign out sheet with your child's name on it. Your child will only be released to those persons identified on the Emergency Information Form or if an additional note had been sent to camp prior to. **Photo identification will be required for all persons picking up campers** (this includes parents, siblings, etc.). You must sign out your child with your child's counselor after showing proper identification.



Written notes:

The Summer Fun Playground Program is a camp program. Attendance is taken daily. Under the following circumstances, it is required that you send a written note to camp:

- If your child will be leaving camp early.
- If your child will be walking or riding a bike to or from camp.
- If someone other than a parent or designated individual as noted on your child's emergency information form will be picking the child up from camp (this includes siblings, grandparents, etc.).

In your note, please include the child's name, the date(s) affected, the name of the person picking up the child (if applicable), and the parent/guardian's signature. Please try to give advance notice whenever possible. Also, please try to limit these requests as the camp schedule can become very busy. Unless a note has been sent to camp indicating that someone other than the parent will be picking up the child, the staff will only release the child to a parent. This policy has been established for your child's safety, so please be sure to inform staff of any changes in your pick-up or drop-off plans.

E-mails will not be accepted. If necessary, you can fax a note to (703) 536-8150



Meals:

Children should bring lunch daily. Please note that microwaves and refrigeration are not available, so plan accordingly. Soda (\$1.25) and snack (\$\phi.60-\phi.85) machines as well as water fountains are available at the Community Center. (**Prices subject to change without notice**) Campers are limited to purchasing one beverage and one snack during Summer Fun hours. Beverages may be brought from home, but not in glass containers. Many activities are outside and summer days can get hot. Therefore, the Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department suggests you to send a water bottle with your child each day.

Items to bring daily:

Campers should bring a lunch daily that does not require refrigeration. If your child stays at the Community Center for aftercare, he/she should bring along a nutritious snack for an energy boost later in the afternoon. All campers need to bring a swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen (to be applied by campers only) each day they swim. Items should be carried in a plastic bag or backpack clearly labeled with the child's name. Our camp offers a wide variety of activities; please refrain from sending "at home" toys or valuable items to camp. The Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department cannot be responsible for any lost or stolen items regardless of value. Campers must wear **closed-toed shoes** to camp each day.

Health:

Your child's health and safety are very important to us. If your child has a special medical problem or allergy, etc., it should be noted on your child's emergency information form. If you have any further concerns, please feel free to speak with the camp director or your child's counselor.



1. Illness

If your child becomes ill or has a fever, the Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department discourages their participation. Do not bring sick children to the program. If a child becomes ill during the program, a parent will be notified and asked to pick up the child. If a parent is unavailable, the emergency contact will be called. A parent or a designated person needs to arrive within 30 minutes.

Your child must be fever free (**lower than 100.4 degrees**) for 24 hours before returning to the program. This is for the protection of all the children in the program.

In the case of a communicable disease, please notify camp staff immediately. All parents at the site will be notified as soon as possible. Staff will require campers to refrain from attending camp until they are no longer contagious. Your cooperation is appreciated.

2. Medical Emergencies

The Recreation and Parks Department does not provide accident insurance. Payment for medical services due to an accident/injury is the responsibility of the parent. An emergency information sheet (with your child's insurance information) needs to be completed for each child. You must complete this form before the start of camp. The Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department must be able to reach parents or legal guardians during the day in case of any emergency. If your child is injured and requires more than basic first aid the following

steps will be taken: Staff will call 911.

The parent or guardian will be contacted.

If the parent or guardian is not available then the persons listed on the information form will be contacted.

Paramedics will take the injured child to the closest hospital.

You will be responsible for the emergency medical charges for all services rendered. Your authorization and your commitment for payment was part of the release form signed at the time of registration.

City of Falls Church employees are not permitted to transport injured parties in city or personal vehicles.

3. Medication

When possible, please arrange medication administration to a time of day other than camp hours so that medicine can be taken at home. In the event a child must have medication, the parents should do the following:

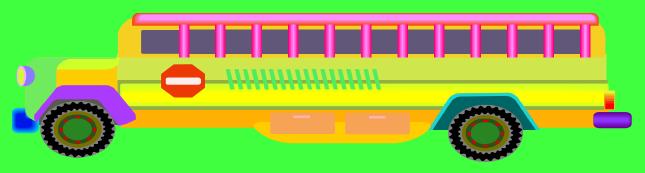
Communicate the need to the Camp Director for approval.

Put all directions in writing on the Medication Release form and Medication Authorization form. Forms are included in this packet. Forms should be turned in by June 15 and the medication should be handed to the Director on the first day of camp.

Medication must be in its original container, with its prescription label in-tact.

Staff reserves the right to refuse to dispense medication.

A medication release form must also be submitted for nonprescription over-the-counter medicines such as Tylenol, Benadryl etc.



Special activities/Field Trips:

Some of our special activities require children to bring material from home, such as for arts and crafts projects, a bathing suit for swimming, and a change of clothes for water activities. Please be sure your child brings the required items so he/she can participate in the activity. Movies may be shown as a special event (rated G or PG).

There will be at least one field trip a week. On field trip days, **NO** counselors will stay behind for children unable to participate in the field trip. **THE CAMP SITE IS CLOSED!** A field trip listing is included as part of this handbook. Field trip registration is now open and must be completed by <u>June 19th</u>. A registration form also follows.

Daily schedule:

Weather permitting, activities will be held outside. The schedule is subject to change depending upon weather (rain/temperature) and facility availability. Our planned daily schedules include games indoor/outdoor, arts and crafts, sports, special events and free time.

Weekly Themes:



June 22-26 June 29-July 2 July 6-10 July 13-17 July 20-24 July 27-31 August 3-7 August 10-14 Summer Sizzler
Symphony of the 5 Senses
How'd They Do That
Code Cracker
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So Long Summer Fun



Camp attire:

Campers should wear clothing that is durable and comfortable. Sunglasses, hat or visor are recommended. Weather permitting, many of our activities will be held outdoors, so please be sure to send your campers with a jacket/sweatshirt on cool days. Gym shoes and socks should be worn at all times (no sandals, crocks, clogs, etc.). Remember, it is easy to get dirty at camp! Art projects can also get messy at times. If your child has a smock or old shirt that could be used as a smock, please label it with his/her name and send it along to camp. Parents should apply sunscreen to campers each morning before arriving to camp. Sunscreen should also be brought to camp daily. Campers should know how to apply sunscreen on themselves as staff are not permitted to do so.

SUNSCREEN

Campers should come to camp with sunscreen already applied each day. Camp staff cannot apply sunscreen lotions.

Campers are encouraged to bring spray bottles of sun screen which are easier for campers to apply.

Discipline:

Campers are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. The following guidelines were developed to help make the program safe and enjoyable for all participants. Additional rules may be developed as deemed necessary by staff. Participants shall:

- 1. Show respect to all participants and staff and take direction from staff.
- 2. Refrain from using abusive or foul language.
- 3. Refrain from causing bodily harm to self, other participants, or staff.
- 4. Show respect to equipment, supplies, and facilities.

A positive approach will be used regarding discipline. Staff will review rules periodically with participants during the program session.

If inappropriate behavior occurs, prompt resolution will be sought specific to each individual situation. Conduct report forms will be used and parents will be notified. For severe or repetitive inappropriate behavior, suspension or termination from camp may be necessary. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior endangers the safety of others or one's self.

If your child is dismissed from the playground program, no refund will be given. The Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department reserves the right to dismiss a child if the child disobeys the established rules of the program over a period, or is unable to participate in a group. The following are some examples of behaviors that will not be tolerated against other children or staff members, and will be cause for disciplinary action: assault/profanity, stealing, biting, spitting, refusal to cooperate, leaving the park grounds without permission, sexual misconduct and bullying. The possession or use of weapons, drugs and tobacco will be cause for immediate and permanent dismissal with no refund.

The formal disciplinary action process is documented and is as follows:

- ⇒ First offense- Counselor and Director will talk to the child and notify the parent. An incident report is completed and sent home. First offense of weapons, drugs and tobacco will result in immediate and permanent dismissal with no refund.
- ⇒ Second offense Dismissal is considered. The Counselor, Director and/or Camp Coordinator will notify parents. An incident report will be completed and sent home.
- ⇒ Third offense The child will be dismissed from the Playground Program and no refund will be issued. An incident report will be completed and sent home.

Children that have been dismissed from the program for disciplinary reasons may not be permitted to continue in any Recreation and Parks Department program for the remainder of the summer.





Suspected abuse or neglect:

In accordance with the procedures set forth in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, any camp personnel having reasonable cause to believe that a child known to them in their professional capacity may be an abused or neglected child shall immediately report the matter to their supervisor. The proper authorities will be notified.

Shelter-In-Place:

The Community Center has a shelter-in-place policy that would take affect in the event of a extreme emergency. The dance studio and kitchen are the designated shelter-in-place locations at the Falls Church Community Center. The storage room is also used as overflow. The downstairs restrooms are used for individuals who enter the building after all other rooms have been sealed. In the event of a shelter-in-place emergency, staff will secure camper contact information, escort campers to the designated areas and conduct a head count upon arrival. This site is designed to shelter individuals for a short period (3-4) hours. NOAA radios, "go bags", food and water are kept onsite for such an emergency.

Camp Communications:

Weekly emails will be sent prior to each week of camp reminding parents of camp details, the weekly theme, swimming schedule, any special events coming up and the field trip information. This email typically comes from the camp director. We do not give out personal information (phone numbers or email addresses) of staff. If you would like to speak with your child's counselor or the Camp Director, please feel free to leave a message with the front desk (703-248-5027) and we will have your child's counselor or camp director contact you or email the Camp Director at summerfun@fallschurchva.gov.

Camp T-Shirts:

A camp T-shirt will be distributed to your child on the Tuesday or Wednesday the first week your child is in camp. If your child is enrolled for multiple weeks, they will receive one T-shirt. **The camp T-shirt must be worn to all field trips**. For campers who have lost their T-shirt, they may purchase an additional shirt for \$5 as long we have them available.



Swimming:



All campers must have a permission in order to go swimming. The bottom section of the emergency information form is where parents check if they permit or do not permit their child to go swimming. In addition to the counselors, certified lifeguards will supervise campers during all swim activities. Due to the large number of participants in Summer Fun, staff will divide swim time for safety reasons. Campers will walk to the Park Towers Condominium Pool. Campers in group A (our younger campers) will swim Mondays and Thursdays. Campers in group B (our older campers) will swim Tuesdays and Fridays. The groups are divided by age and vary slightly each week depending on

our age groups each week. An email is sent before each week notifying parents of which swim group their camper is in. Swim tests are conducted by the lifeguards to determine the depth at which each child can swim.

Staff will carefully monitor the weather and will not swim in the event of thunder or lightning. If the weather turns poor while at the pool, staff will immediately return campers to the Community Center. In the event of thunder and lightning, an alternate activity will be scheduled. Campers should bring a swimsuit and towel regardless of the weather in the morning. Please remember to bring sunscreen (remember staff cannot apply sunscreen to campers)! The weather changes very quickly in the summer. We do not want to leave anyone out of the pool for not bringing his or her swim gear.

Swim Lessons:

Swim lessons are taught in the mornings in two week increments. Campers who are signed up for both swim lessons and Summer Fun will be escorted to their swim lessons. On field trip days, summer fun campers will miss their swim lesson. Please see our camp brochure or speak with Recreation staff about registering for swim lessons.

Cancellation Policy:

The Recreation & Parks Department will provide a full credit or refund for any summer camp if the camp is canceled by the Department or upon request when schedule or location changes made by the Department prohibit or limit an individual's ability to attend a camp.

To request a credit or refund for any reason other than those stated above a "Request for Refund/Household Credit" must be completed and submitted. All requests are handled using the following guidelines:

When a request is made fourteen or more calendar days before the activity starts a refund is granted less a 20% processing fee and a credit is granted less a 10% processing fee.

When a request is made less than fourteen calendar days before a camp starts no refund or credit will be granted unless there is a medical reason (doctor's note required) or for relocation of at least 25 miles from the City of Falls Church. If a refund or credit is granted for medical reasons or because a class participant has moved the refund will be assessed a 20% processing fee or the credit a 10% processing fee.

• No refunds or credits will be granted once a camp has ended

Thank you for your cooperation! We are looking forward to a great summer!

Field Trip Permission Form

I hereby give permission Church Recreation and P	for my child,arks Summer Fun Pla	ayground program's fie	to trips listed be	participate in the Falls clow.
Date	Location		Cost	Activity #
Wednesday, June 24		Park at Bull Run	\$11	385008-A
Wednesday, July 1	Flight Trampoli		\$15	385008-B
Wednesday, July 8	Discovery Thea		\$13 \$11	385008-В 385008-С
Wednesday, July 15	Spy Museum	itiC	\$11 \$11	385008-C
Wednesday, July 22	Bowl America		\$11 \$13	385008-B
Wednesday, July 29	Washington My	etice Coma	\$15 \$15	385008-E
Wednesday, August 5	American Histo		\$6	385008-F
Wednesday, August 12	Pirates Cove W	2	\$0 \$11	385008-H
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advised to seek the advice of assume all risks of illness of Falls Church makes no release the City of Falls Chall claims for illness or injurish	or injury resulting from epresentations as to the urch, its agents, officer	participation in the progress as fety of this program for and employees, including	am(s) noted above or me. I and my c ng the program in	e. I understand that the City hild hereby waive and
Parent/Guardian Signatur	re:		Dat	te:
Checks should be made	e payable to "City of	Falls Church" or compl	lete credit card i	nformation below:
Credi	t Card Number:			_
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Card Holder	Signature			
Childs Name:				
		SUMM	IER FUN FI	ELD TRIPS
Activity #	Fee	The field trip p	permission fo	rm is due June 19th!
	Some trips require advance notice of the number of part your child is registered late, there may not be availabili Campers should arrive by 9am on field trip do the bus, there is no alternate transp			
		⇒ Camp t-shirts are REQUIRED on field trip days!		
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			children will wear a er, they must wear t	wristbands. When out of the heir camp t-shirt.
		\Rightarrow There is no tra	ansportation to swir	m lessons on field trip days.
		⇒ All field tri	ps utilize a City of	Falls Church school bus.
TOTAL		⇒ Field trip d	eparture/arrival tim	es are subject to change.

2015 Summer Fun Field Trip Schedule

Participants will need to bring a bag lunch on all trips. Lunch is **NOT** provided.

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Atlantis Water Park 385008-A

(703) 631-0552 ext 103

Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville, VA 20121

Bus will leave the Community Center by 9:15am and return by 3pm.

Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Flight Trampoline Park 385008-B

(703) 663-2440

7200 Fullerton Rd., Springfield, VA 22150

Bus will leave the Community Center by 11am and return by 3pm.

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Discovery Theatre 385008-C

(202) 633-8700

1100 Jefferson Drive SW, Washington, DC 20560

Bus will leave the Community Center by 9:15am and return by 1pm.

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

Spy Museum 385008-D

(202) 393-7798

800 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

Bus will leave the Community Center by 11am and return by 3pm.

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Bowl America 385008-E

(703) 534-1370

140 S Maple Ave, Falls Church, VA 22046

Bus will leave the Community Center by 9:15am and return by 1:30pm

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Washington Mystics Camp Day 385008-F

(202) 628-3200

601 F Street NW, Washington DC 20004

Bus will leave the Community Center by 10:30am and return by 3pm.

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

American History Museum 3

385008-G

(202) 633-1000

14th St and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20001

Bus will leave the Community Center by 9:30am and return by 2:30pm

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

Pirates Cove Waterpark at Pohick Bay Drive 385008-H

(703) 248-5307

6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton, VA 22079

Bus will leave the Community Center by 9:15am and return by 3pm.

City of Falls Church Recreation & Parks - 2015 Emergency Information Form

This form is to be returned to the Falls Church Community Center. It is very important that you provide the activity numbers for the camps in which your child is registered.

Camp Activity Numbers:			
Camper Name:			
Camper Name.			
First	Middle	-	Last
Language Spoken at Home:	Resides with: □ Father I	□ Mother □ E	oth □Legal Guardian
Primary Guardian:		Primary phor	ne:
Address:		Secondary Phone:	
Secondary Guardian:		Primary phone:	
Address:		Secondary Phone:	
Please list three, local emergency co	ontacts if the parent/gua	ardian cannot be	reached:
Name: Relation: Phone:			Phone:
Name:	Relation:		Phone:
Name:	Relation:		Phone:
Please list three persons authorized to	pick up your child othe	er than the parer	ıt/guardian:
Name:	Relation:		Phone:
Name:	Relation:		Phone:
Name:	Relation:		Phone:
Name of Health Insurance Company: Child's Physician:			
Policy/Group/Employee Number: HMO Number	r (if applicable):	Physicia	n's Telephone:
Medical Information: Please check any current health condition that may require attention during the camp day.			
□Yes □No Does your child have any allergies? If so, please specify below in special procedures/additional notes.			
□Yes □No Will your child need medication during camp? If so, please request medication authorization form.			
□Yes □No Does your child require any special accommodations? If so, please specify in the additional notes section below.			
Please list all medications and dosages your child i	receives on a continu	al basis:	
Additional notes:			
SUMMER FU	N PARTICIPANTS ON	ILY	
I hereby $\ \Box$ DO / $\ \Box$ DO NOT (please check one) give permi Summer Fun Playground program's swim trips to the Park To			
Please circle child's swim ability level:	Non-swimmer So	me Experience	Experienced
I hereby DO / DO NOT (please check one) permit my Falls Church Recreation and Parks Summer Fun Playground			to bike or walk to and from the
The camp has my permission, in an emergency when I cannot be contacted, to take my child to the emergency room of the nearest hospital. The hospital's medical staff has my authorization to provide treatment which a physician deems necessary for the well-being of my child.			
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: DATE:			

Medication Release Form



Child's Name:					
Name of Medication	Medication:				
Instructions on how to give medication:					
	Amount:				
	Time:				
Special Instructions					
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	, request that the	Camp Director administer the medication			
prescribed above to n	ny child during camp hours. I	understand that the person who will			
administer the medic	ntion may be inexperienced I	also agree to furnish said medication in the			
original container wit	h the label intact.				
	(Parent Signature)	(Date)			
	Mediation Auth				
I certify that, in my	opinion, it is medically necess	ary that the medication described below be			
administered to		during camp hours and that the camp			
	staff may administer th	nis medication.			
Prescription:	Medication:				
	Dosage & Time:				
	Duration				
	Date of Prescription:				
	ODI				
(Sig	nature of Physician)	(Date)			

Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department

This form is only for campers who need medication dispensed during camp hours.

MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION

administered	to	during camp	hours and that the camp staff ma
minister this i	medication.		
Prescription: Medication: Dosage & Time:			
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	Duration:		
	Date of Preso	cription:	
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